



# Miata Meanderings

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Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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## President's Message



I'd like to talk this month about making time for the priorities in life. Sometimes in these newsletters I'll get a little preachy about "being part of the club makes you a part of the Miata family", and "how your participation makes the club better", and although I think this is true, sometimes we have to work and/or have other more important commitments like to family and friends. I apologize in advance for sometimes forgetting that life happens, priorities change, and everyone needs to weigh what's important to them.

The planning meeting is the one time a year when we get together and try our best to plan out the events for the year ahead. A great deal of time and effort is made by all those who attend, and one of the things that we try to do is to guess what the membership is going to be interested in during the year ahead.

Sometimes our guesses are right and sometimes they are wrong. At the planning meeting this year, there was interest in the Watkins Glen Wine Festival, however only one person signed up. Subsequently, due to the low turnout, we cancelled the event.

It is with great regret, but cancellations happen, and last month's cancellation went smoothly because Karen did everything correct, and the process worked. She contacted the board, the board reviewed the situation, the reps confirmed their numbers, and since only one person was attending, that member was contacted, and it was agreed that the event was to be cancelled.

I would like to thank the event coordinators, Karen and Ron McKissock for taking the time and effort to plan out the event, and commend them for notifying the board when it appeared that no one was attending. I'd also like to thank all the reps for contacting the members to verify their participation. On events when members are asked to notify us in advance, usually due to food or size/room constraints, it is critical that the contact specified in the write-up in the Newsletter/Website, usually the local area Reps, be contacted. Because it's not fair for anyone, if members show up unexpected. You may find an event you wanted to attend cancelled, because you or others did not notify us by the deadline date. Also, in cases when events need to be cancelled, it takes an extra effort by everyone to make sure that no one shows up accidentally at a meeting place, because they were not informed of the cancellation.

We all hope that every year the events planned are interesting and that people want to attend. Yes, perhaps it's too much for me to ask you to plan your life around the Miata club; so instead maybe this time I'll ask you to attend next year's planning meeting and plan the Miata club around your life.

Whether it was lack of interest, or just a bad weekend with other commitments for everyone, I don't know, but there are still more events planned for this year. Keep letting us know what you do like, so we can try

something you want to do next year, and keep in contact with your reps. They are only trying to help you make the most out of your club experience.

***LEE Maddy***

**Welcome New Members**

**Deane Bergstrom**



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>		<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
Steve & Leslie Ungberg	Ithaca	97	Marina Green	Joe Lamphere
Marci Green	New Hartford	06	Red	Denise Wargo
Debra Ackerman	Hastings	93	Red	Karen Abbott
Joe & Clarice Flint	Canastota	03	LS Blue	Denise Wargo
Jerry & Kathi Davis	New Woodstock	99	Black	Denise Wargo
Steven Boltwood & Nancy Fanella	Baldwinsville	11	Red	Denise Wargo

**Ice Cream Schedule**

**Syracuse Ice Cream Schedule - All are at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday night. Please note time change effective September 13:**



**July 26** – 7pm - Hickory Hill Ice Cream, 3451 Route 31, Baldwinsville

**August 9** – 7pm - Sno Top, 315 Fayette St, Manlius (see the new cygnets!)

**August 23** – 7pm - Plank Road Ice Cream, 449 South Main Street, North Syracuse (parking in rear)

**September 13** – 6:30pm - Skan-Ellus Drive In, 1659 US Route 20 East, Skaneateles (inside seating)

**September 27** – 6:30pm – Gannons Isle – 1525 Valley Drive, Syracuse (inside seating)

**October 11** – 6:30pm - Kimberly’s Ice Cream – 8240 Cazenovia Rd, Manlius (inside seating)

**Rochester Ice Cream - All are at 6:00 P.M.:**

Wednesday, June 20th, Log Cabin, Rte 31 F, Macedon

Tuesday, July 3rd, Papa Jack's, Rte 96, Victor

July 17th, Lugia's Ice Cream, Manitou Rd., Spencerport

Tuesday, August 14, Chill & Grill, Rte 31F, Palmyra

Tuesday, August 28th, Muir House, Lake Waterfront, Canandaigua

Thursday, September 13th, Lickety Splits, Fairport

Tuesday, September 25th, Hanks, Rte250 North of 390, Webster

**Binghamton Ice Cream:**

We are going to meet for ice cream on the first Monday of the Month, (except for Labor Day) for the rest of the driving year. We will meet at Pop's Sugar Shack, Conklin Rd., Binghamton, NY at 6:30 PM. We will have other ice cream nights as the need arises throughout the year.

**August Events**

***Saturday, August 4th, Alex's Place***

***Chuck Rischenole***



**Note date change.** Join us for another drive through the area west of Syracuse, including two roads that exceed the famous thirteen curves road in the Syracuse area, with a stop in Batavia for lunch at Alex's Place. If you choose not to continue the ride after lunch we will get you on the Thruway in Batavia to head home, After lunch we will

continue on to an Amish bulk food store and of course an ice cream stop. We will be meeting at the Log Cabin Restaurant (cruise night location) on route 31F in Macedon at 9:00am.

**This is a rain or shine event. I need a headcount by July 27th.** Please let me know if you will be joining us. Don't just show up and if you have to cancel out let me know.

***Sunday, August 19, Polo***

***Ed & Layne Keller***

It is time for Polo again. This is starting to be a tradition for the club. We enjoy not just the Polo Match but also the time we get to spend with our friends before the Match.

On Sunday August 19 we will be meeting at 12:00 in Tully at the Burger King on the corner of Rt. 80 and Rt. 81. There will be time for coffee, a potty stop, and a drivers meeting with a departure time of 12:30.

We will take a left turn out of the parking lot onto Rt.80 and a right turn on Rt. 281 and continue for 10.3 miles to the famous "Bob's Barbecue" for those who want to pick up food for the Polo Match. Those who don't want BBQ are more than welcome to bring their own picnic meal. We should be at Bob's from 12:45 to 1:15 or so.

Departing at 1:15 we will leave the parking lot with a left turn on Rt. 281 and go 1.3 miles and turn right on Rt.41 continuing to the end of Skaneateles Lake where we will cross over to Rt. 41A and continue to Andrews Rd, we will turn left on Andrews Rd. and go .6 miles to the Polo Field on the right.

We will be arriving at the Polo Field at 2:00 to give us enough time for visiting and a picnic lunch before the Match starts at 3:00 and ends at 5:00. After Polo you will be on your own to head home or check out the Village of Skaneateles.

**(P.S. Don't forget to bring chairs)**



## ***Racing Anyone?***

***Jay Cartini***



OK so here's the deal, on Saturday, August 25 we will be having an autocross at Cherry Valley Go Kart Track in Lafayette on route 20. Originally we were going to be solo (get the pun), but as it turns out, the CNYR-SCCA will be having an autocross at the track that day. So, rather than re-invent the wheel, we will let them do all the logistical work.....

Registration starts at 8AM and goes to 9:30AM; drivers meeting will be at 10AM; the first car off should be around 10:30AM. All should be done and over with by 4PMish. The cost will be \$30.00 for SCCA members and \$40.00 for non members.

If we have a big enough turnout we will have a special "Miata only" class.

Your car will go through a "safety tech" to make sure it's OK. You will want to empty out your car (even the floor mats), which you can do at the track. The concession stand will be open, but I would suggest you bring stuff to eat and drink anyway. If you have an approved helmet bring it along, but there will be loaner helmets available. Dress appropriately; bring an umbrella, suntan lotion, a hat, blah blah blah. You will be given a work assignment during the event. This creates a great opportunity to see what other drivers are doing out on the track.

Autocrossing, or solo, is one of the most inexpensive forms of racing you can do. The old saying "run what you brung" definitely applies. Racing is done at slow speeds, you will not get out of 2<sup>nd</sup> gear, even though you are racing against other cars that are similar, and everyone else via a handicap system, you are really racing against yourself and the clock.

No need to pre-register for this event. For more information you can go to [cny-scca.com](http://cny-scca.com) and check out the solo section.

## **July Events**

### ***Montrose July 4th Parade***

***Joe Lamphere***

We participated in the July 4th parade in Montrose, PA again this year. It was a beautiful day and fourteen Miatas took part in the parade. We missed some of our northern members, outside of Ronnie and Bob Sabella, who made the trip down.

You missed a great parade if you weren't there; we paraded before thousands of pleased onlookers. Maybe next year we can get more cars, but I am not going to bribe you with pie and ice cream like Chuck Paul.



After the parade ten cars went on an eighty-five mile ride through the Pennsylvania country side on some great Miata roads stopping for a very fine lunch at the Candlelight Inn on Lowe Lake. Harry Frisbie and Del Austin planned out this drive and they did an outstanding job for a couple first year members. I am really proud of our group this year. They are turning out for all of our events and showing a lot of enthusiasm and willingness to participate in these events. This sure makes my job a lot easier.

## **June Event**

### ***Cornell Plantations***

***Miriam White***

Sunday dawned as a beautiful day for a drive through long scenic country roads, a lunch in the shade of a pavilion under the canopy of trees and then a stroll through flowering gardens. Four Miatas left Burger King in



Auburn, turned left onto N. Seward Avenue and didn't look back. Passing Owasco Lake and driving back country roads, the caravan reached the parking lot of Cornell Plantations on the Cornell University campus. We were then met by Miatas from the Binghamton area, plus one very new member, Steve. Steve lives in Ithaca and has owned his Miata for only 3 weeks. He heard about the event and stopped over to see what all the excitement was about. After introductions, the larger Miata caravan went for a quick drive around the Cornell Plantations site and for a much needed potty stop. Once the caravan

returned, lunch was enjoyed in the Summer House pavilion shaded by a canopy of trees just off the Rhododendron Collection. After picnic lunches, passed desserts and lots of conversation, members were off to wander amongst the herb and flower gardens or off to the arboretum for a tour.

## *Etc.*

### ***Magnetic Club Logos***

***Chuck Rischenole***

The club has available additional sets of the logos that are available at \$25.00 per set. Contact Jay Cartini to purchase a set.

To those of you who currently have them and those who are interested in getting them here is a suggestion. If you use that self-adhesive return address labels on your outgoing mail put one on the back side of your logos.

If you should happen to lose one the person who finds it may be kind enough to send it back to you.

## ***Upcoming Events***

### ***October 14, Sharon Springs/American Hotel***

***Jerry Willis***



**Notice:** Jerry will be away on vacation until September 15. He asks all who plan to attend the Sharon Springs & American Hotel event to please call him **after September 15<sup>th</sup>** to enable him to make reservations at the American Hotel for dining.

### ***Holiday Party***

***Lee Maddy***

It's not too early to start thinking about the end of the year Holiday Party. The event will be held this year at the "Cobblestone Restaurant" on Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>.

This wonderful Italian Restaurant is housed inside a restored 1825 farm house, originally built as a tavern and stage coach stop in the 1700's. It lies between Rochester and Syracuse in the Fingerlakes Region in Geneva NY. To find out more about the restaurant go to [www.cobblestonegeneva.com](http://www.cobblestonegeneva.com)

Save the date, and mark your calendars. More information regarding times, cost and menu options will be relayed as the date approaches.



## ***Schedule of Events for the 2012 Driving Season***

Sunday, April 22	Watkins Gen Opening Weekend	Lee Maddy, Tom Cavanaugh
Saturday, May 12	DeWitt Pancake Breakfast	Jim & Judy Williams
Saturday, May 26	Middlesex Dinner	Chuck Rischenole
Saturday, June 2	Marcellus Parade	Chuck Paul
Sunday, June 10	Hope Lake Lodge at Greek Peak	Tyler Wainwright
Wednesday, June 20	Log Cabin	Jim Reisdorf
Sunday, June 24	Cornell Plantation	Lee Maddy & Miriam White
Sunday, July 15	Watkins Glen Wine Festival	Karen & Ron McKissock
Wednesday, July 25	Log Cabin	Jim Reisdorf
Sunday, July 29	Progressive Dinner	Lee Maddy & Karen Abbott
Saturday, August 4	Alex's Place	Chuck Rischenole
Sunday, August 19	Polo	Ed & Layne Keller
Saturday, August 25	Private Autocross for Miatas	Jay Cartini
Saturday, September 15	Outhouse Racing on Redneck Day	Nancy & Rich Marsden
Sunday, September 30	Hemmings Concours in Saratoga Springs	Chuck Paul
Sunday, October 7	Road Rally	Tom Cavanaugh
October 11 – October 14	Mass Miata Fall for New England	Info Only
Sunday, October 14	Sharon Springs/American Hotel	Jerry Willis
Saturday, December 1	Holiday Party	Lee Maddy

### **Midstate Miata Club Officers for 2012**

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